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NAVAJO MAN RECEIVES 18 MONTH PRISON SENTENCE
FOR FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in federal court in Albuquerque, **Lukacema Gillie Yazzie**, a 25-year-old enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced to an 18-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his conviction on an assault charge. Yazzie also was ordered to pay \$10,008 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and \$130 to the victim of his assault to cover the costs of the victim's medical care.

Yazzie was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in a criminal complaint on December 13, 2010, and was indicted on that same offense on December 28, 2010. He has been in federal custody since his arrest on December 13, 2010.

Yazzie pleaded guilty to the indictment under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office on June 13, 2011. In entering his guilty plea, Yazzie admitted that, on December 8, 2010, he stabbed a member of the Mescalero Apache Nation in Shiprock, New Mexico, which is located in the Navajo Indian Reservation.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, Shiprock Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shana B. Long.

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